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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Item No. 19-1 ANCIENT ASSORTMENT.

One of our agents in London just shipped a large assortment of ancient coins, some Biblical and Greek but mostly Roman from a large estate. The condition is generally above average and they are all modestly priced. Every coin is genuine an important historic artifact nearly 2000 years old. Because virtually no two coins in the assortment are identical, it is not practical to list them individually. We are offering these lots well below the normal retail value on a first come first serve basis. Every coin will be identified and we guarantee full satisfaction.

Ancient Assortment "A" \$50.00
Ancient Assortment "B". \$100.00
Ancient Assortment "C". \$150.00



Item No. 19-2 SHEKEL OF TYRE

Here's one of the most significant of all Bible coins to both Jews and Christians. For Jews, the annual Temple Tax could only be paid in silver Shekels and Half Shekels of Tyre for almost 150 years! And it was most likely the Shekel of Tyre that formed the infamous "Thirty Pieces of Silver" paid to Judas. These are no longer common in any grade. The lovely piece we are offering is in Extremely Fine condition. These coins have just about doubled in value in the last 18 months and recent retail prices are approaching the \$1000.00 level. But your cost is just half of that! (Note that an upcoming issue of The Augur will explain how to read the dates on Shekels of Tyre.)

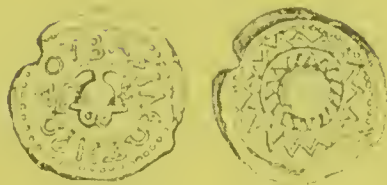
Shekel of Tyre, 46/45 B.C., Extremely Fine \$500.00



Item No. 19-3 RARITY OF HEROD THE GREAT

Dated in the third year of his reign (37 B.C.). Rarely offered! Features a crested helmet and a circular shield. Unusual for a Judean coin to show war implements on both sides. Dark toning but good details.

Nice Fine. \$175.00



Item No. 19-4 INEXPENSIVE SHEKEL

If you want the most famous of all ancient Jewish coins . . . but don't want to pay \$1800.00, \$1500.00 or even \$1000.00 then here's your chance! This silver Shekel was struck in the second year of the First Revolt (A.D. 67/68) of the Jews against their Roman oppressors. It is nicely centered with full inscriptions: "Jerusalem the Holy" and "Shekel of Israel". This is one of the few ancient coins with the denomination indicated.

Very Fine Only \$835.00



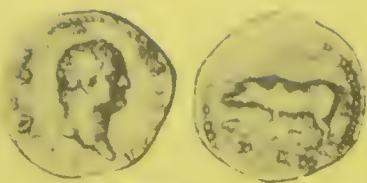
SEVERAL OFFBEAT JUDAEA CAPTA COINS

Item No. 19-5 SILVER DRACHM FROM CAESAREA, CAPPADOCIA.

Judaea Capta coins were normally struck in Judaea and Rome. However coins on this same theme were also issued in other parts of the Roman Empire, such as this attractive silver Drachm from nearby Cappadocia. Featured is the laureate head of Emperor Vespasian (A.D. 69-79) and the Greek goddess Nike (equivalent to the Roman Victoria).

Very Fine \$155.00





Item No. 19-6 NUMISMATIC INSULT

Issued by Vespasian in A.D. 78/79, this silver Denarius features a sow standing with three little piglets. Of course, Jewish dietary laws forbid any pork products. . . but the pig was the emblem of the notorious Tenth Roman Legion which occupied Jerusalem after the fall of the Temple.

Very Fine with a nice portrait \$285.00

Item No. 19-7 TENTH LEGION

In ancient times when coins became worn so that the designs became indistinct they would cease to circulate unless the ruling authorities counterstamped it, indicating that it still had value. Such coins are of great historic interest and are quite "collectible". We are offering a well worn bronze that was counterstamped on both sides with a galley design within a rectangle . . . a symbol associated with the Roman Tenth Legion which occupied Judaea in the period after the First Revolt.

Counterstamps Very Good \$147.50



(Shown Enlarged)

Item No. 19-8 EXCEPTIONAL JUDAEA CAPTA QUADRANS

The smaller a coin, the more likely it is to be lost. Thus the greater rarity of small ancient coins. While the large Judaea Capta bronzes sell for thousands of dollars in top quality, the small Quadrans coins almost are never seen. But we have one . . and it is truly lovely! Superb Extremely Fine condition, perfectly centered and just remarkable! The palm tree on the reverse quickly identifies it as a Judaea Capta piece. The reverse features a vexillum (Roman military standard). It is dated A.D. 71, just a year after the fall of the Jerusalem Temple, in the reign of Vespasian.

Judaea Capta Quadrans, Superb. \$1000.00



(Shown Enlarged)

CHOICE OFFERING OF BAR KOCHBA COINS

Item No. 19-9 RARE "YEAR ONE" BRONZE

The dated coins of Bar Kochba are particularly rare. This medium bronze features the familiar 7-branched palm tree surrounded by the name of the Jewish revolutionary leader and his full title - "SIMON NASI (Prince of) ISRAEL" in ancient Hebrew. The coin dates A.D. 132-133. The date "YEAR ONE OF THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL," surrounds a vine leaf on the reverse. Well struck and centered; far above average. Wacks 95.

Extremely Fine/Nice Very Fine \$950.00

We also have a second attractive specimen on a large oval-shaped flan.

Very Fine. \$845.00



Item No. 19-10 RARE "YEAR TWO" DENARIUS

A well struck example of this rarity! Simon Bar Kochba's first name within a wreath and one-handed jug with palm branch with error inscription "ISAREL" instead of "ISRAEL".

Extremely Fine \$1050.00



Item No. 19-11 UNDATED BAR KOCHBA

Here's one of the most reasonable coins of this period you can obtain struck in A.D. 134/135, the disastrous last year of the Second Jewish Revolt. Wacks 90.

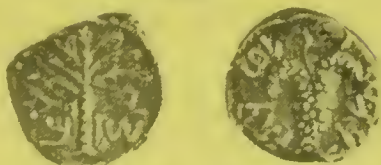
Nice Fine and only \$95.00



Item No. 19-12 SCARCE SMALL BRONZE OF BAR KOCHBA

A lovely example of the smallest bronze denomination issued by Bar Kochba. This is much scarcer than the above coin. Exceptionally well struck with almost full inscriptions. Usual 7-branched palm tree (representing the holy menorah?) and a bunch of grapes with ancient Hebrew legends. Wacks 92.

Nice Very Fine. \$180.00



Item No. 19-13 UNDATED SILVER DENARIUS OF BAR KOCHBA

A little jewel! Bunch of grapes and lyre. No wonder the coins of Bar Kochba are considered amongst the most attractive of all ancient Jewish coinage. Hebrew inscription: "FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL". Wacks 100.

Choice Extremely Fine \$665.00



Item No. 19-14 HOLIDAY SPECIAL

We will send an autographed copy of "The Handbook of Biblical Numismatics" (\$3.95 value) plus a genuine ancient Biblical coin (up to \$18 value) both for only \$15 postpaid to anyone on your gift list. We'll even include a card from you. Just give us the names and addresses and we will do the rest!

Handbook plus Biblical coin \$15.00

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